[5th September 1928

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" In my reply to another question sent to the Legislative Council office, I have given the information."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Will the hon. the Home Member make special arrangements to have the answer given to-morrow ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I will, Sir. The number of the question is 275."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" This question and answer will be included in to-morrow's questions and answers."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" With reference to clause (a) may I know whether the Government have called for tenders for the supply of the articles required to be supplied by contractors ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " That will be answered to-morrow."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member will wait till to-morrow for the answer."

Fines levied on employees in the Government Press.

* 138 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to furnish a statement of the fines imposed on the employees of the Government Press by the Superintendent since January 1928 with their names, designations and the reasons in each case ?

A.—A statement [a] is laid on the table.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether, in view of the fact that there were 230 cases of fines within a period of seven months, the Government intend to take any action or have already taken any action to put an end to such a state of affairs ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No doubt, the number is somewhat large ; but the solution is in the hands of the workmen themselves. If they do not commit breaches of discipline, they will not be punished."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether, when the Government consider that the number of punishments is unusually large, they do not consider it necessary to look into the matter to see whether it is due to the mistake of the Superintendent or of the workmen ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" If an unusually large number of men commit breaches of discipline, the Government cannot help them."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Have the Government satisfied themselves that these workmen, both old and new, knew that they would be sentenced to fine for trivial mistakes ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The Government are satisfied."

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a Printed as Appendix II on pages 312–316 infra.